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"And they cried, The Sword of the Lord, and of Gideon." Judges 7:20

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## Rest

By  
D. L. Moody

Some years ago a gentleman came to me and asked me which I thought was the most precious promise of all those that Christ left. I took some time to look them over, but I gave it up. I found that I could not answer the question. It is like a man with a large family of children—he cannot tell which he likes best; he loves them all. But if not the best, this is one of the sweetest promises of all:

"Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me, for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

There are a good many people who think the promises are not going to be fulfilled. There are some that you do see fulfilled, and you cannot help but believe they are true. Now remember that all the promises are not given

without conditions. Some are given with, and others without, conditions attached to them. For instance, it says, "If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me." Now, I need not pray as long as I am cherishing some known sin. He will not hear me, much less answer me. The Lord says in Psalm 84, "No good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly." If I am not walking uprightly I have no claims under the promise. Again, some of the promises were made to certain individuals or nations. For instance, God said that He would make Abraham's seed to multiply as the stars of heaven: but that is not a promise for you or me. Some promises were made to the Jews, and do not apply to the Gentiles.

Then there are promises without conditions. He promised Adam and Eve that the world should have a Saviour, and there was no power in earth or perdition that could keep Christ from coming at the appointed time. When Christ left the world, He said He would send us the Holy Ghost. He had only been gone ten days when the Holy Ghost came. And so you can run right through the Scriptures, and you will find that some of the promises are with,

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D. L. Moody

## Travel Notes

From the  
FAR EAST

By the Editor

Notes on a Three Weeks' Missionary and Preaching Tour to Japan and Korea

I am now in the International Airport at San Francisco. It is 7:00 a. m. July 21. In two hours I take off on Pan American Airways for Honolulu; then after four hours, off on an overnight flight to Tokyo. Crossing the international date line I lose a day, Sunday, and arrive in Japan on Monday! But I'll leave that Sunday up there in the air to wait for us, for we will need it. Coming back we have two Sundays. This morning, after a night on a crowded tourist flight, I feel well and happy in the dear Lord. "The Lord is my shepherd . . ." this morning, still.

Near Hundred See Editor Off From Chicago Airport 11:50 P.M.

Last night I was greatly touched to find awaiting me at the airport (Midway at Chicago) a great crowd from the Sword of the Lord and Calvary Church in Wheaton. About a hundred drove the 26 miles from Wheaton to see me off. The United Airlines people were very gracious and I found a newspaper photographer waiting to take pictures—of me with the responsible workers who will look

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## Second Prize Winner in Annual Sword Evangelistic Sermon Contest



By Dr. Tom Malone

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"Woe unto us! for the day goeth away, for the shadows of the evening are stretched out."—Jer. 6:4b.

How well do I remember as a country boy hearing my mother and others gathered about the old-fashioned pump organ in the large farmhouse singing:

*Life's evening sun is sinking low,  
A few more days and I must go  
To meet the deeds that I have done,  
Where there will be no sinking sun.*

This has already come true for many of our acquaintances for whom "life's evening sun" has long since sunk below the horizon of earth. This sobering verse from God's Holy Book describes the state of all living, " . . . the day goeth away, for the shadows of the evening are stretched out."

Nothing is so beautiful and tranquil as a sunset at close of day. How clearly does my memory afford me a picture now of the close of day on the farm where I spent my boyhood. Tired farmers coming from the fields singing . . . cattle moving slowly toward the barn . . . birds subduing their mellow song preparing for the night . . . shadows stretching out across the plowed fields . . . the sun sinking low in the west as God prepared to close the doors of the day and draw the shades of night about us. God used this as a symbol or illustration to show to men the brevity of life, the passing of opportunity and the certainty of death. May God's Holy Spirit burn with inescapable conviction the awful fact of Jeremiah's sermon to the sinning Jews, " . . . the day goeth away,"

### I. The Day of Opportunity Draws to a Close

How often does the Bible bring before sinners the fact that God gives men an opportunity to be saved and then in His own time He closes that opportunity. This was true of the antediluvian of Noah's day. God said, "My Spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh; yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years." The wicked antediluvians turned a deaf ear to God's warning, laughed at God's preacher and finally suffered God's judgment. When God closed the door of the ark shutting Noah and his family in, He closed forever the opportunity to be saved for that generation.

God has given you the opportu-

ity to be saved. Woe unto the foolish man or woman who trifles away that opportunity. The blind men of Jericho heard the multitude cry out, "Jesus passes by" and they cried out, "Have mercy on us O Lord." They realized this was their moment of great opportunity to have their eyes open. He may never pass this way again! We must reach Him now or reach Him never! We read in Luke 19:1, "And Jesus entered and passed through Jericho." Zacchaeus said to himself, "I must see Him as He passes through for He may never pass this way again."

Little did Felix know when Paul reasoned before him of righteousness, temperance and judgment to come that his day of opportunity to be saved was about to pass away forever. "Go thy way for this time," he said, "when I have a convenient season, I will call for

thee." That convenient season never came, and in Hell today Felix suffers with his awful memory of a wasted life. When the doors of the prison cell closed upon God's preacher, Paul, as he left

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Dr. Tom Malone

## Would You Like to Earn a Complete \$59 Set of Spurgeon's Sermons . . . Memorial Library in a Single Day?

By Evangelist Robert L. Sumner, Associate Editor

About 200 people took advantage of the special offer we made some months back in this paper to earn a complete 20-volume set of *Spurgeon's Sermons . . . Memorial Library* by sending in 30 subscriptions to THE SWORD OF THE LORD at the regular \$2.50 rate. We gave three months to do this, extending the time for some. And many glowing letters in our files attest the fact that these people were delighted at the opportunity to earn this set of books, one which retails at \$59 in book stores everywhere, over this long period of time.

However, now we have a new plan whereby pastors can earn themselves the same set in a single day that others labored for months to merit. We are asking every friend of THE SWORD OF THE LORD who is able to do so to have a "Sword Sunday" observance in their church on September 23, presenting this paper to their congregations. One of the offers we are making to those who co-operate with us on this occasion is this wonderful set of Spurgeon's sermons. We will give it absolutely

free for only 30 subscriptions to THE SWORD OF THE LORD at the regular \$2.50 rate. Of course, Canadian and foreign subscriptions are 50c extra for each one due to the excess postage rates. And the 3-year-subscription-for-\$5, since it already involves a \$2.50 cash discount for the three years, counts only as one subscription toward the free books.

Surely any pastor really sold on THE SWORD OF THE LORD himself could get 30 subscriptions in a single day if we provided all the free sample copies you needed, plus free subscription envelopes, plus factual information about THE SWORD to help you get the subscriptions! And that is exactly what we will do! We will send you all the sample copies and envelopes you need, free of charge, along with a big brochure packed with helpful information about the paper. You won't have to do much selling yourself, since THE SWORD is its own best salesman, and simply placing it into the hands of

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## "The Interpreter's Bible"

A Blasphemous Commentary by Infidel Scholars, Published by Methodist Publishing House, Using RSV Translation, Representing National Council of Churches. Denying the Bible's Accuracy, Its Authority, Its Stated Authorship, Its Supernatural Nature and Its Miracles.



R. L. Sumner

Second of Series of Seven Articles

By Evangelist Robert L. Sumner  
Associate Editor

### CHAPTER II

## Denial of Biblical Authority

The opening article in *The Interpreter's Bible*, written by Herbert H. Farmer and previously referred to, is devoted to this very question of the Bible's authority. That Mr. Farmer does not think much of scriptural authority is seen early in the article when he says, "It is obviously no way out of the difficulty to quote the Bible itself as an authoritative witness to its own supreme normative status."<sup>1</sup> He goes on to make the absurd statement that "... II Tim. 3:16 cannot be taken as such a claim, for it gives no indication as to what exactly is meant by the words 'inspired by God,' or what writings are to be regarded as so inspired."<sup>2</sup> It would take a modernist "happy in his utter ignorance" to question "what writings are to be regarded as so inspired" when God says "all scripture"!

But instead of accepting what God says, it is Mr. Farmer's conviction that "the rule of Christ becomes a truly personal rule operating through the quickened insight of the believer in relation to his personal situation, and not through a merely slavish imitation of or legalistic obedience to the deeds and words of Christ as recorded in the Gospels."<sup>3</sup> In other words, Christians should do what they "feel" or "think" Christ would have them do under the circumstances, rather than go by what the Bible actually says! It is simply another way of saying that man is to be the Bible's judge, not the Bible the judge of man.

As a matter of fact, this is exactly what Mr. Farmer states later in the article when he writes: "... we regard it as both a right and a duty to exercise a discriminatory judgment on the Scriptures..."<sup>4</sup>

In another place he sneers at "the era when Protestantism generally assumed the literal inerrancy of Scripture, and used it in an externally authoritarian way,"<sup>5</sup> blaming this as the reason why "it broke up into a multitude of sects."<sup>6</sup>

Now, he tells us, "the Christian is free to reject beliefs concerning the facts of the natural order which find expression in the Bible."<sup>7</sup> He uses even stronger language later when he says: "...

we have not merely the right but the duty to discriminate within the scripture records between different levels in the apprehension of God's nature and purpose and to reject the lower levels once and for all in favor of the higher."<sup>8</sup> The modernist, "happy in his utter ignorance," feels it his DUTY to go through the Bible like a judge, rejecting "once and for all" the "beliefs" he does not like.

Incidentally, what does a modernist mean when he calls the Bible "the Word of God"? Mr. Farmer writes:

"When the Scriptures were regarded as literally inerrant, the writers being passive instruments in God's hands, there was a clear and definite sense in which the Scriptures could be called the Word of God. God wrote the Scriptures, and they were therefore his written Word. But when this view is rejected... the time-honored phrase, the Word of God, if we continue to use it, obviously calls for fresh exposition and definition."<sup>9</sup>

So it is important to keep in mind that when the liberal speaks of "the Word of God" it is merely hypocritical double talk and he means something entirely different than that "God wrote the Scriptures!"

His conclusion is:

"It follows from this brief inquiry that it would not be in the least contrary to Scripture itself but rather in harmony with it, nor would it be contrary to anything essential in the Christian faith, if we ceased altogether to speak of the Scriptures as the Word of God..."<sup>10</sup>

Mr. Farmer further asserts relative to the authority of the Bible, if the feeling is allowed to issue in a total prohibition against setting to one side anything in the New Testament, we are in effect back in that wrong view of the authority of Scripture...<sup>11</sup> Note that he believes an unwillingness to "set aside" Bible teaching is the "wrong view." The right view according to him, as we have already seen, is to be another King Jehoiakim, cutting out and casting into the fire (Jer. 36:23) the portions of the Word of God which are offensive to our taste. However,

this is hardly the spirit of Provverbs 30:5 which says, "Every word of God is pure..."

The logical conclusion for Mr. Farmer, in the light of all he has written, seems to be that "... preaching in its essential idea is not necessarily required to be based upon scriptural texts or passages."<sup>12</sup> In other words, even though the Bible is not reliable, it does not matter much since we don't need the Bible for preaching anyway! This is the inevitable conclusion every honest (?) modernist must eventually reach if he follows the logic of his unbelief to its ignoble finish.

Other writers for *The Interpreter's Bible* treat scriptural authority with equal scorn. Walter Russell Bowie, professor at The Protestant Episcopal Theological Seminary in Virginia, a translator of the Revised Standard Version, and connected at one time or another with at least 30 communist-fronts, uses the Introduction of his exposition of Genesis to sneer at what he calls "the unbending formalities of the orthodox Jew and the literal dogmas of the Christian fundamentalist."<sup>13</sup> He describes them as "those who are willing to be 'orthodox liars for the glory of God'"<sup>14</sup> and likens their convictions to "the cheap purpose of standing in with what is no more than unenlightened traditionalism."<sup>15</sup> One feels like saying to Bowie and his companions in the language of Job, "No doubt but ye are the people, and wisdom shall die with you" (Job 12:2).

Samples of what Mr. Bowie feels to be "unenlightened scholarship" are found in his words:

"Few will suppose that Adam and Eve and the Garden of Eden belong to factual history. Cain and Abel and Lamech and Nimrod and Methuselah and Noah—these also come down to us as legends rather than as persons identifiable in the literal history of a particular time... others question whether there was an actual Abraham or Isaac or Jacob, and hold instead that they are heroes of tribal tales and personifications of tribal characteristics."<sup>16</sup>

Such ridiculous reasoning automatically lowers the Bible into the same class with *Alice in Wonderland* and *Aesop's Fables*.

But Dr. R. A. Torrey, a far greater scholar than Bowie or his fellow commentators, remarked:

"Jesus Christ claimed to be a teacher sent from God who spoke the very words of God. He claimed this over and over again, and if He was mistaken about the origin and character of this Book, concerning which He has so much to say, He was a fraud, an unmitigated fraud. If these people are right who tell us that these incidents in the Book of Genesis, for example, which our Lord has so plainly endorsed, are simply 'folklore' or inaccurate and unreliable traditions of the day, then, beyond a question, Jesus Christ was a fraud, an unmitigated fraud."<sup>17</sup>

All who can trust the integrity of Jesus Christ accept unquestionably the historicity of the Book He endorsed!

What about the revelation of God in the Old Testament? George B. Caird, in his Introduction to I and II Samuel, deals with this subject and says, "God was thought to reveal himself" and that "this revelation was believed to come in a variety of ways."<sup>18</sup> Note that Old Testament saints only "thought" He revealed Himself and they "believed" He did so in many ways.

According to Mr. Caird, the revelations by God to the various Old Testament prophets was somewhat on the order of African witch doctors or the Moslem Maulawiyah, commonly known as the "whirling" or "dancing dervishes." Says this professor:

"In its early manifestations prophecy, too, seems to have been one of the religious phenomena which Israel had in common with other nations. The prophets went about in bands, and by music, dancing, and other means worked themselves up into an ecstatic frenzy, which because of its very abnormality was thought to be the work of a divine spirit. Their utterances were therefore received with respect, even though they themselves were considered to belong to the dregs of society... Psychological abnormality may seem to us to have no necessary connection with divine inspiration,

## An Amazing Exposure!

By Editor John R. Rice

In this issue we give the second article by Evangelist Robert L. Sumner, exposing the infidel teaching of *The Interpreter's Bible*, a 12-volume commentary published by Abingdon Press (the official Methodist publishing house.) Over 500,000 copies of this commentary have been sold, according to an announcement by the publishers. The modernistic infidel leadership of the Methodist Church, the leadership of the National Council of Churches, and modernists from the principal seats of unbelief and infidelity in America have combined to write, edit, and publish this big commentary to break down faith in the Bible.

Last week Brother Sumner showed how this *Interpreter's Bible* denies the Bible accuracy. This week chapter II shows how *The Interpreter's Bible* denies the authority of the Bible.

We urge you to read every word of these articles, and see that your minister reads them. Beware of any book store that sells *The Interpreter's Bible*, any pastor who quotes it or relies upon it. One who agrees with *The Interpreter's Bible* has taken a position against the historic Christian faith and is not to be trusted.

Remember the words of the dear Lord Jesus: "Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil. For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled" (Matt. 5:17, 18). Jesus Christ Himself believed that every jot and tittle of the Scripture was inspired. Anyone who does not believe what Jesus Christ believed about this is no friend of Christ. Read Brother Sumner's articles!

but we should remember that some of the great literary prophets of later ages, especially Ezekiel, were subject to similar abnormalities, which may well have contributed to their receptiveness... the ecstatic trance played roughly the same part in the history of Hebrew religion as the strange speaking with tongues did in the life of the early Christian church."<sup>19</sup>

Norman H. Snaith is another "scholar" who does not feel that the Bible means what it says. For example, in his Exegesis of II Kings he laughs at the authority of prophecy by saying:

"The translation of Elijah and his mysterious end have given rise to a whole world of legend... According to popular beliefs, Elijah is liable at any time to appear suddenly in order to right the wrongs of man. He will return before the day of Messiah (Mal. 4:5)."<sup>20</sup> Note that the "more sure word of prophecy" (II Pet. 1:19) to this man is merely "legend" and "popular belief." He continues his role as a judge of the Bible when, a few pages on in the commentary, he declares of the account of Elisha and the two she bears: "The story... will not stand examination from any moral point of view."<sup>21</sup>

Samuel Terrien, a Union Theological Seminary associate professor, was given the task of writing the Introduction for the Book of Job. He warmed to his calling immediately by announcing in his opening paragraph: "Everyone who speaks of 'the patience of Job' (Jas. 5:11) shows thereby that he has but a vague acquaintance with the poem (3:1-42:6), or probably none at all."<sup>22</sup> Thus Mr. Terrien insinuates that James, and the Holy Spirit who inspired him to write thus, are both simple-minded ignoramuses! This is a rather serious charge for the professor to make, to put it mildly!

Clarence Tucker Craig, a Drew Theological Seminary professor, follows Mr. Terrien's charge of ignorance with one of presumption. In his Exegesis of I Corinthians, Mr. Craig comments on Paul's declaration that most of the 500 brethren who had seen the resurrected Christ "remain unto this present" (I Cor. 15:6) with the words: "That the majority should be alive about twenty-five years later is not so surprising as that Paul could presume to know that they were."<sup>23</sup> It seems to me that any "scholar" should be willing to accept Paul's own testimony that "I neither received it of man, neither was I taught it, but by the revelation of Jesus Christ" (Gal. 1:12). Paul wrote not by presumption but by inspiration and revelation!

Another prime example of how the editors of *The Interpreter's Bible* reject the authority of the Scripture is seen in the matter of demons. S. MacLean Gilmour comments on the demoniac of Gadara in Luke 8:26-33 thus:

"Mental disease was often explained in ancient times as the consequence of demon possession, and Jesus' healing ministry is frequently described in the Gospels as an act of exorcism. In this instance Jesus restores a raving

lunatic to health of mind by ridding him of a host of evil spirits. Because they could exist only in human or animal bodies, they begged permission to enter a herd of swine, which then plunged over a precipice and perished in the lake. The unusual detail of this particular story convinces many interpreters that it is primitive. Others regard its elaborate form as an indication that the storyteller's art has had free play in its composition. The incident has frequently been rationalized on the precarious hypothesis of coincidence: Jesus healed a demented man; a herd of swine stampeded down a steep slope into the lake; and the two events were associated by those who described them. Whatever its origin, the story of the Gerasene demoniac articulates the faith of the church that Jesus came to free men from the power of Satan and points the truth that evil is self-destructive."<sup>24</sup>

Note the words, "whatever its origin!"

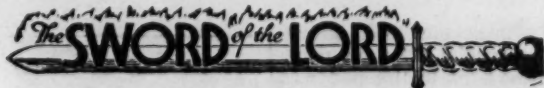
John Knox, another Union Theological Seminary professor, commenting on the same passage, boldly asserts: "At first hearing and on first thought we are likely to regard such stories merely as evidences of ancient superstition which we have long since outgrown—as indeed they are—as being among the many reminders that the truth of God, because it has come to us through history, comes not unmixed with error."<sup>25</sup> Thus these "scholars" refer to our Lord's belief in demons as "error" and "ancient superstition!"

One last illustration of how these "scholars" deny biblical authority is seen in the treatment of Luke 16:19-31, dealing with Lazarus and the rich man. S. MacLean Gilmour fancies that the teaching of this "parable" is that "the poor will be rewarded and the rich will be punished."<sup>26</sup> However, the Scripture plainly teaches that the rich man found himself in Hell, not because he was rich but because he refused to repent. In like manner, Lazarus went to Paradise because he repented, not because he was poor!

George Arthur Buttrick, who wrote the exposition for this section, amazes his readers by announcing:

"This parable is not theology. It is a vivid story, not a Baedeker's guide to the next world. Such stories as this were current in Jesus' day. They are found in rabbinical sources, and even in Egyptian papyri... The story tells us that life here fashions an

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# \$6,800 in Loans Needed By September 1

By Evangelist Walter Handford, Vice-President, Sword of the Lord Foundation

In an honest attempt always to reach as many people as possible with the Gospel, we have not built up enormous assets in buildings, equipment, and large cash reserve here at the Sword of the Lord Foundation. Most of the investment to finance this soul-winning work has come from the sacrificial gifts of our many friends and by long-term loans. Three such loans must be repaid on September 1, and we need \$6,800 to replace them. We give a note issued by the Sword of the Lord Foundation and signed by Dr. Rice, president, and Allan MacMullen, treasurer. Foundation notes are made out for one, three, or five years, and bear 4% in-

terest annually. One half of the interest is paid each six months. In all the years of our operation, not one person with money loaned to us has ever lost a penny through a default in either interest or principal repayment.

If you have \$1,000 or more which you would like to put to work in this worldwide revival, won't you write us about it? Your money will bear 4% interest and will also be earning far greater rewards in Heaven for you.

If the Lord speaks to your heart about this, won't you write today to Mr. Allan MacMullen, Treasurer, The Sword of the Lord Foundation, Wheaton, Illinois?

## Travel Notes

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after the work while I am away—of me with the hostess, the flight engineer, the captain, with the crowd, etc. Then I was put on the plane first, while my crowd went up to the observation platform of the airport to sing songs and wave!

In the airport there were speeches by Rev. Bob Sumner, by Rev. Walt Handford, by Mr. C. O. Baptista, etc. Bob Main was in charge. I was given wonderful telegrams from Sword of the Lord Co-operating Board members, wishing me a great missionary trip and God's care throughout. How kind these great men are! Telegrams received were from:

Dr. Louis Talbot, chancellor, Bible Institute of Los Angeles.

Doctors Bob Jones, Sr. and Jr., of Bob Jones University.

Dr. J. H. Hunter, editor of *The Evangelical Christian*, Toronto.

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Dr. Bob Shuler, retired pastor, Trinity Methodist Church, Los Angeles.

Evangelist Jack Shuler, Arcadia, California.

### Letters for the Long Flight

There were handed me six big envelopes full of messages from workers and church members. Each one was addressed with poetry—one set of letters to be read at 12:15 a. m. after the flight started, one at 7:00 a. m. at San Francisco, others at 2:00 p. m. at 7:00 tonight at Honolulu, etc. One last group is to be read just before landing in Tokyo! I wish I could share the messages of prayer, Scripture, and assurances of love and promises of faithfulness. They comfort me. All are praying, not only for my safety, but for God's power and blessing on my poor ministry in Japan and Korea.

The broad Pacific is ahead. God's arms are underneath. "For as the heaven is high above the earth, so great is his mercy toward them that fear him" (Ps. 103:11).

### Four Hours in Hawaii

Now it is 7:30 p. m., Saturday, July 21. We arrived at Honolulu at 3:30. The 9½ hour trip from San Francisco was tiring, but after one night on the plane and the preceding night on the train, I dozed much of the time. Had three meals today, will have dinner after leaving on Pan American (Continued bottom next column)

## Again—I'm Asking for Money

By Evangelist Bill Rice  
Contributing Editor, Murfreesboro, Tenn.



Again this year I am frankly asking Christians to send money to help *Cumberwood* in its ministry to the deaf children. For the sake of those of you who do not know me personally, let me say the money is not for me personally. I do not and never have asked folks to give anything to me.

I have made it a hard and fast rule all these years never to ask or hint for anything for my own use. In revivals I never discuss my personal needs. I never ask a pastor to try to get me a large love offering. I never write back for money when a revival is over. In fact, I do not even keep a mailing list of those who have given generously to me in revivals. I never make an issue of money. Again and again I have allowed myself to be mistreated rather than give anyone any right to believe me money-minded.

And I am not changing my policy now although—frankly—I am asking you for money.

### Not for Myself

Although I am asking you for money and praying that you will respond generously and quickly, I am not asking it for myself. I am asking that you help us reach handicapped children for Christ. In many cases, this is the only chance these little ones will ever have to be saved. We have already had a week at *Cumberwood* Camp for crippled children. We had eighty-five, I believe, on the top day. Little fellows crippled by cerebral palsy, epilepsy, meningitis, speech defects, etc. Too often these little ones in a wheel chair or braces or those who are a bit retarded mentally cannot keep up with other youngsters in the classroom. Or in the Sunday School room—if they go. But here at *Cumberwood* on the Bill Rice Ranch everything is geared for them. Especially trained nurses and Christian workers were here to help these little ones day and night. God's plan of salvation was carefully and simply explained again and again. During the week everyone of these youngsters—ranging in age from nine to eighteen—professed faith in Christ and we believe undoubtedly most of them were genuinely converted.

### The Deaf

And now deaf young people are here. We have deaf youngsters from Michigan, Illinois, New Jersey, Washington, D. C., Tennessee and Colorado. Before the summer is over we will have deaf children from other states, too. And this will be the only chance to win many of them to the Saviour.

Why is this the only way to win them?

Because they are deaf and cannot get anything out of regular services. They may go to church but they are deaf and do not know what the preacher or teacher is saying. Their parents cannot win them to Christ for most parents do not know how to do so, many have no desire to do so and few even know the sign language enough to be able to talk with their own deaf children!

In a large city the deaf could

have their own church, but in most places there are not enough deaf to have a church of their own.

The sad truth is that these deaf youngsters will never be won through regular church channels. The best way I know to reach them is to bring them here to enjoy several weeks of camp life and win them to Christ through the simple Gospel services conducted each morning and evening. And because this is the only Bible teaching many of them get the entire year, we urge them to stay a couple of weeks after they are saved.

### Please Help Them

Will you please help us reach these youngsters for Christ? We do not ask these deaf or crippled children to pay anything, for most of them are unable to pay. The entire cost of these camps must be met by the offerings of Christian folks like yourself. We need money for food and money for salaries and money for additional buildings and facilities. Then there is the additional expense of salaries for helpers. This is not large but it does add up when you consider we must have kitchen help, counselors, teachers, etc.

It seems that helpers, building material, food, etc., is going to run about six thousand dollars this year. Approximately two thousand dollars of this has come in already but we need about four thousand dollars more. Right this minute we are behind about two thousand dollars and the largest weeks are ahead of us!

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# Now Is the Time

By Evangelist Robert L. Sumner, Associate Editor

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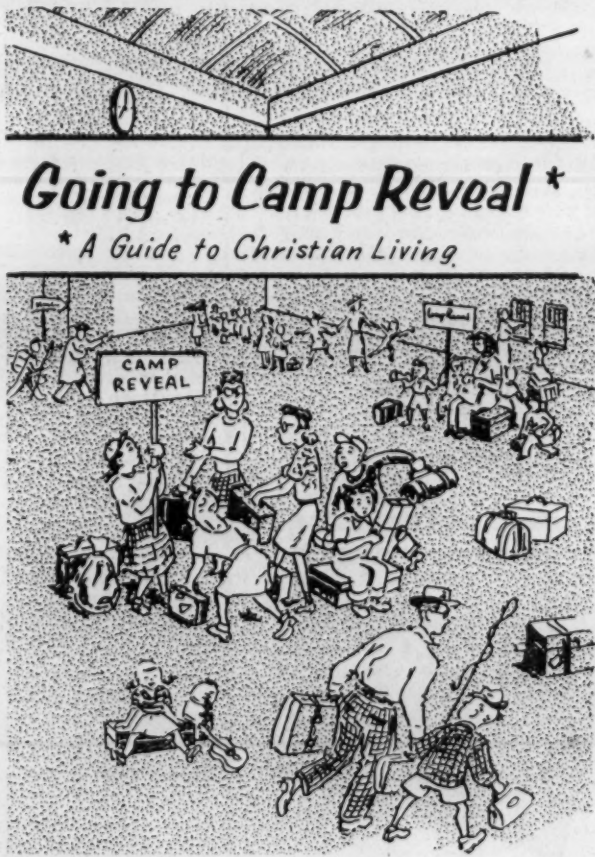
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## "Life's Sinking Sun"

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the presence of Felix and Drusilla, the doors of opportunity closed forever upon this wicked ruler who heard the message of the glorious Gospel of salvation but turned a deaf ear to it and lost his soul. How many, many times have we seen this same tragic occurrence.

Some years ago I was asked to preach at a great New Year's Eve service here in the State of Michigan. As I prayed about my message it seemed as if my heart

and mind was filled with Luke 12:20. "But God said unto him, Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided?" I said, "Lord, is this a good text for New Year's Eve?" That text proved to be most appropriate. Little did I realize that very afternoon a man for whom I had prayed and to whom I had witnessed and tried to win, said to his wife, "I am going to hear Tom Malone preach tonight and when he gives the invitation for sinners to be saved I am going to walk down that aisle and give my heart to Jesus."

Sure enough, there he sat that night about five rows from the front. The congregational singing was over, the quartet sang, "When They Ring Those Golden Bells." The words ring in my ears to this moment, "... when our days shall know their number." I stood in the pulpit and read the Scripture and quoted my text, "Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee." Suddenly this man rose to his feet, walked out of the church, and fell dead in a pool of blood on the steps of the church! "Thou fool," God said, "this night thy soul shall be required of thee." He waited thirty minutes too long.

It is often said, "Opportunity never knocks but once." This is not true; some of you know that as far as the matter of being saved is concerned. Opportunity has

knocked many times. You have sat through revival campaigns and God has spoken to you through His Word. Your Christian friends have prayed, have wept and pleaded with you to be saved. Remember that "... the day [of opportunity] to be saved] goeth away, for the shadows of the evening are stretched out."

Jesus said, "Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him and will sup with him, and he with me" (Rev. 3:20). Hear Him knocking today at the door of your heart and let Him come into your life.

A word here would certainly be in season to the people of God. We so often "fumble the ball" and let opportunities to win souls slip through our fingers. Remember that Jesus said, "I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is DAY; the night cometh, when no man can work" (John 9:4). The time is short for Christians to win souls. Oh that Christians of America would be alert to every opportunity to witness for Jesus.

Some time ago I received a tract in the mail which told of J. Wilbur Chapman's experience with a lost man, Mr. Chapman was a great soul winner and no doubt thousands are in Heaven today because of his ministry in reaching the lost. Mr. Chapman tells himself of one soul he failed to win. He was asked to go to a hospital to see a sick man who was not saved. Mr. Chapman went to the hospital and as he was about to enter the room an attendant in the hospital asked him, "Whom do you wish to see?" Mr. Chapman told him and the attendant said, "This patient is very nervous if you try to talk to him about his soul. It may make his condition much worse. Why not just visit with him a moment or two and get acquainted with him, then come back tomorrow and tell him how to be saved." Mr. Chapman tells of how he took the attendant's advice and did not press the claims of Christ upon the lost man but left and promised to return the next day. When he came back to the hospital the next day he saw the same attendant cleaning up the hospital room and the attendant said, "If you came to see the man you saw yesterday, he is not here." "Where is he?" asked Mr. Chapman. The attendant answered, "He died yesterday a few minutes after you were here."

I wonder how many precious souls loved and died for by our Saviour will be in Hell because of the negligence and lack of concern on the part of countless thousands of professing Christians. "... the day goeth away, for the shadows of the evening are stretched out."

### II. The Day of God's Grace Draws to a Close

This particular age, or dispensation, is spoken of in various ways in the Bible. It is referred to as the Age of the Gentiles, or that period of time in which the Jews are dispersed over the face of the earth and the world is under Gentile dominion. Jesus referred to this age in Luke 21:24 as the "times of the Gentiles." Technically these "times of the Gentiles" perhaps began when the Jews were taken captive by the Babylonians about 700 years before Christ came into the world, but this is the age when the Gospel is being sent to the multitudes and not just to the Jews. This is the day when "whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved" (Rom. 10:13).

This age, or this day, is also spoken of in the Bible as the dispensation of God's grace. Paul referred to this age in his Ephesian letter as "the dispensation of the grace of God which is given unto me to youward." Yes, God offers to deal with sinners in grace, through His kindness and love. He will pardon and forgive the repenting and believing sinner. This age of grace and unmerited favor of God toward sinners is fast coming to its close. "... the day goeth away, for the shadows of the evening are stretched out."

This age is also spoken of in God's Word as the "last day" or "last days." The prophet Joel marked out this age as beginning at Pentecost and ending with the coming of the Lord Jesus in glory and power. In Joel 2:28-32 we read:

"And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions: And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my spirit. And I will shew wonders in the heavens and in the earth, blood, and fire, and pillars of smoke. The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and the terrible day of the Lord come. And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be delivered: for in mount Zion and in Jerusalem shall be deliverance, as the Lord hath said, and in the remnant whom the Lord shall call."

It was prophesied:

1. That the Holy Spirit would come "in the last days" (so interpreted in Acts 2:17) which was on the day of Pentecost.

2. That this glorious event would usher in the day of "whosoever will" (vs. 32).

3. That this age would end with signs and wonders in the heavens which refer to the second coming of the Lord Jesus.

Sometimes people say, "Brother Malone, don't you believe that we

violence, immorality, and rebellion of Noah's day it was more than He could take. It grieved Him at His heart. God said, "I am sorry I ever made man. He is so wicked, his thoughts, purposes, desires, acts are all evil and abominable before Me constantly."

But even in the judgment of the flood, God's grace and mercy shone forth. God gave man one hundred and twenty years before judgment and destruction came. During that one hundred and twenty years Noah faithfully declared God's message. People had time to repent, to turn to God and be saved but they did not want to be

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are in the last days?"

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## "Life's Sinking Sun"

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saved. They said, "There's lots of time. Let us eat, drink, and be merry." They loved their sin and enjoyed it too much to give it up. When the ark was completed and the hour of crisis had arrived we read that God said, "Noah, come thou and all thy house into the ark; for thee have I seen righteous before me in this generation" (Gen. 7:1). Then God Himself shut the door! We read, "And they that went in, went in male and female of all flesh, as God had commanded him: and the Lord shut him in" (Gen. 7:16). When God shut that door it sealed forever the eternal doom of the wicked men and women of that generation! Their sun had set. They had ignored the sinking sun and lengthening shadows and the approaching shades of night. Millions are making this mistake today. They have procrastinated and put off the all-important matter of being saved before it is too late. God pleads with sinners, "Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool" (Isa. 1:18). The psalmist said, "I thought on my ways and turned my feet unto thy testimonies. I made haste and delayed not to keep thy commandments."

How well do I remember an incident that took place when I was fourteen years of age. At that time I was attending a rural high school about twelve miles from the farm where I lived. Spring had come and school was soon to be over. I used to walk over a mile every morning—summer and winter—to catch the school bus, then ride about twelve miles. That year I was finishing the ninth grade and naturally felt quite educated! When the last day of school arrived, I was certainly happy. We were to have some special exercises; it was to be a big day. I wouldn't have missed it for anything.

But that morning I failed to watch the clock and the time slipped by before I knew it. When I realized it was getting late I ran out of the house and down the railroad track over a mile to the highway where I was to catch the bus. There is little doubt in my mind that I set a new world's record that morning for

running the mile, but, of course, that is unofficial! When I finally came to the highway, I looked down the road and saw the bus going away from me. Frantically I waved my arms and screamed to the top of my voice, but to no avail. I was left behind! I was too late! I missed the last day of school and my heart was broken. Slowly I walked back home with tears streaming down my cheeks. I kept repeating to myself, "Too late!" "Too late!"

Friend, don't delay any longer. Settle this matter today. Don't stay out of the kingdom until it is too late. When Jesus comes and the door is shut, your hope of being saved will forever be gone. "... the day goeth away, for the shadows of the evening are stretched out."

### III. The Day of Earthly Life Draws to a Close

It is no wonder that the psalmist prayed, "So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom" (Ps. 90:12). The psalmist had seriously contemplated the brevity of life. He said that life was like grass—"golden in the morning and withered in the evening;" "like a tale briefly told" and a life that is "soon cut off." James says, "For what is your life? It is even as a vapor that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away" (James 4:14). What could be more fragile, more temporary than vapor? Solomon said, "Boast not thyself of tomorrow, for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth" (Prov. 27:1).

How foolish for one to say, "I have plenty of time and there is no use to get so excited about this thing." Some years ago as I was reading God's Word and praying one Sunday afternoon I felt impressed of the Lord to go see a man whom I had witnessed to and prayed for and yet had not been able to win. He was 40 years of age, over six feet tall and a fine specimen of manhood. I can see him now as he came to the door of his home and shook my hand and smiled and invited me to come in. I said to him, "Jim, God laid you on my heart today and I could not rest until I had come one more time to try to get you to trust Christ and be saved."

He said, "Brother Malone, I am glad you are interested in my soul. You ought to be as a preacher, interested in getting people saved. But I'll tell you frankly, I am not ready. I am not an old man and my health is good and I have other things on my mind at this time." No amount of pleading on my part or the tears and prayers of his good wife who sat with us in the living room of his nice home could change him. I left with a heavy heart. I had hoped to win him that day.

Just four or five days later his wife called and screamed into the phone, "Jim's dead, Brother Tom! Jim's dead! And he has gone to Hell because he wouldn't listen to you when you tried to get him saved." I preached his funeral and watched them put the flowers on his grave that afternoon and saw his wife and children turn and walk from the cemetery knowing they would never see him again. "... the day [of earthly life]

goeth away, for the shadows of the evening are stretched out."

God's Word says, "And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment" (Heb. 9:26).

One Sunday morning as I was giving the invitation and people were being saved, a fine looking young married man fairly ran down the aisle and grasped my hand and said, "Mr. Malone, I want to be saved right now." He said, "I heard you tell this morning in your sermon of a young man twenty-six years of age who was here last Sunday and heard you preach and was spoken to by one of your personal workers and would not get saved. I heard you tell how this week he was burned to death in his truck and went to meet God unprepared. I surely don't want that to happen to me," he said, "and I am not going to wait another day to be saved."

How wise that young man was to get saved and how foolish the other who gambled with his soul and lost. He waited too long. He procrastinated, he put it off. He ignored the setting sun and lengthening shadows and went to Hell as the result of his folly.

Friend, Christ died for you. He says in John 6:37, "Him that cometh unto me I will in no wise cast out." God's Word says in Proverbs 27:11, "A prudent man foreseeth evil and hideth himself, but the foolish pass on and are punished." How foolish to pass on over God's warnings and refuse His mercy and grace.

Proverbs 29:1 says, "He that being often reproved and hardened his neck shall suddenly be destroyed and that without remedy." May God help you to repent, believe and be saved. "Too late, too late!" will be the cry of many in Hell who, like Agrippa, were almost persuaded.

"Thy day goeth away, for the shadows of the evening are stretched out."

### Decide Today

With what urgency Dr. Malone has pled with you through this message. Now let the editor urge you to turn to Christ now before it is too late! Won't you decide about this matter right now before you even lay this paper aside? Simply admit to the Lord that you know you are a poor lost sinner and ask the Saviour to come into your heart this minute.

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## Rest

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and some without, conditions; and if we don't comply with the conditions we cannot expect them to be fulfilled.

I believe it will be the experience of every man and woman on the face of the earth, I believe that everyone will be obliged to testify in the evening of life, that if they have complied with the condition, the Lord has fulfilled His word to the letter. Joshua, the old Hebrew hero, was an illustration. After having tested God forty years in the Egyptian brickkilns, forty years in the desert, and thirty years in the Promised Land, his dying testimony was: "Not one thing hath failed of all the good things which the Lord promised."



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I believe you could heave the ocean easier than break one of God's promises. So when we come to a promise like the one we have before us now, I want you to bear in mind that there is no discount upon it. "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

Perhaps you say: "I hope Mr. Moody is not going to preach on this old text." Yes, I am. When I take up an album, it does not interest me if all the photographs are new; but if I know any of the faces, I stop at once. So with these old, well-known texts. They have quenched our thirst before, but the water is still bubbling up—we cannot drink it dry.

If you probe the human heart, you will find a want, and that want is rest. The cry of the world today is, "Where can rest be found?" Why are theaters and places of amusement crowded at night? What is the secret of Sunday driving, of the saloons and brothels? Some think they are going to get it in pleasure, others think they are going to get it in wealth, and others in literature. They are seeking and finding no rest.

### Where Can Rest Be Found?

If I wanted to find a person who had rest I would not go among the very wealthy. The man that we read of in the twelfth chapter of Luke thought he was going to get rest by multiplying his goods, but he was disappointed. "Soul, take thine ease." I venture to say that there is not a person in this wide world who has tried to find rest in that way and found it.

Money cannot buy it. Many a millionaire would gladly give millions if he could purchase it as he does his stocks and shares. God has made the soul a little too large for this world. Roll the whole world in, and still there is room. There is care in getting wealth, and more care in keeping it.

Nor would I go among the pleasure-seekers. They have a few hours' enjoyment, but the next day there is enough sorrow to counterbalance it. They may drink the cup of pleasure today, but the cup of pain comes on tomorrow.

To find rest I would never go among the politicians, or among the so-called great. Congress is the last place on earth that I would go. In the Lower House they want to go to the Senate; in the Senate they want to go to the Cabinet; and then they want to go to the White House; and rest has never been found there. Nor would I go among the halls of learning. "Much study is a weariness to the flesh." I would not go among the

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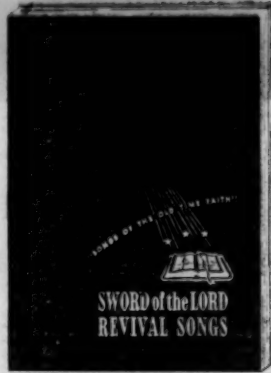
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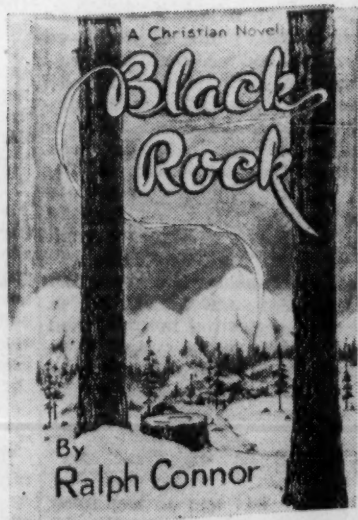
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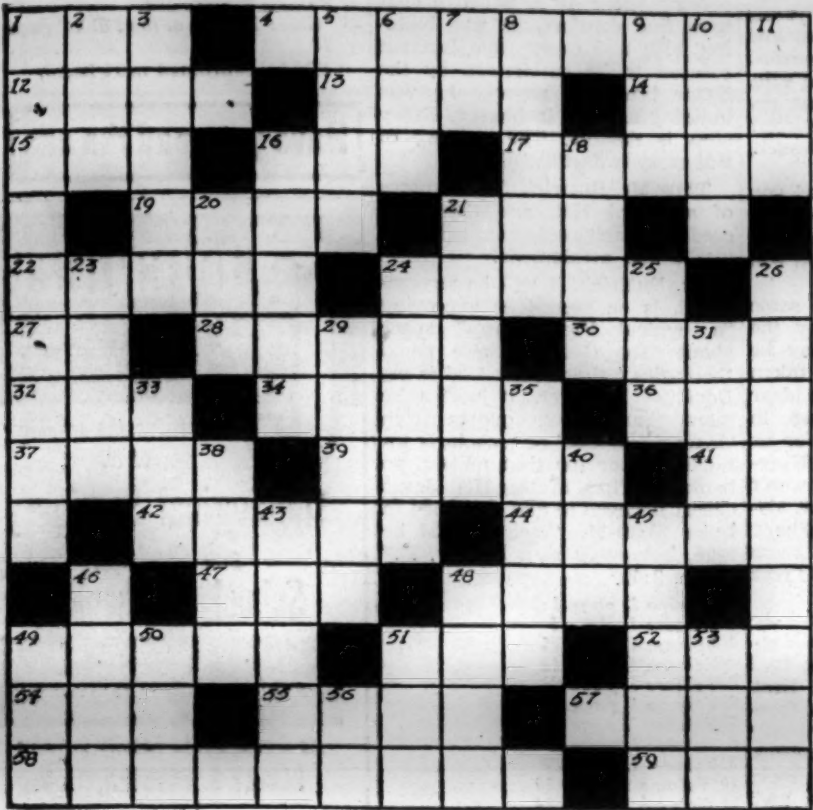


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## PUZZLE NUMBER 36

### CLEWS ACROSS

- Deviate morally from the right. (Prov. 14:22)
- Upright. (Ps. 1:5)
- Commendable. (Ps. 112:5)
- The two
- One of King Solomon's pets
- An affirmative, more emphatic than "yea"
- Performed. (John 4:29)
- Missile, weapon of defense. (Num. 24:8)
- Auricles. (Prov. 20:12)
- Near relative (Abbr.)
- Become acquainted with by actual trial. (Ps. 34:8)
- Fire. (Isa. 29:6)
- Ibidem (Abbr.)
- Bird, strong and swift. (Isa. 40:31)
- Scribe, who received a commission from Artaxerxes to rebuild the temple
- Each and every one
- Wet. (Luke 8:6)
- Rodent found in Palestine
- In close proximity. (Ps. 22:11)
- Speak. (Ps. 78:2)
- Mill (Abbr.)
- Entrances. (Prov. 26:14)
- Care for the young or feeble. (Ex. 2:7)
- 2500
- Solitary
- Form. (Lu. 3:22)
- An obstruction
- Rested. (Lu. 10:39)
- Fruiting spike of a cereal. (Mark 4:28)
- Animal, the flesh of which is excellent venison
- A lime tree
- Michael, the chief angel. (Jude 9)
- No. (James 5:12)

### CLEWS DOWN

- A people whose country is called "the land of Ham." (Ps. 105:23, 27)
- Gazelle of Syria. (II Sam. 2:18)
- Flowers which grow in Lebanon and Sharon
- The buff-backed Heron, found about the waters of Merom
- The Father
- Height (Abbr.)

- Abraham's father—a variant of Terah (Luke 3:34)
- Paddle
- Preposition
- Fasten with stitches. (Gen. 3:7)
- Vision. (Gen. 37:5)
- The Holy City
- Consumed
- Blessed (Poetic form)
- Competent. (I Sam. 6:20)
- Darts
- Old Testament Book (Abbr.)
- Enduring without complaint. (Ps. 37:7)
- A climbing plant, used in the East to form shelter, as in Jonah's case
- Animals used for sacrifice
- Boy of Bethel, who made fun of the prophet Elisha
- Trend
- Play boisterously
- Hasten
- Last letter of the Greek alphabet
- A great city between Nineveh and Calah. (Gen. 10:12)
- Scorch
- Tardy
- Mediterranean
- Rainbow
- A container for money
- American Institute of Architects (Abbr.)
- Preposition

### Answer to Puzzle Number 34

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## Rest

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the face is index to the soul. They have no hopeful look. Their worship of pleasure is slavery. Solomon tried pleasure, and found bitter disappointment, and down the ages has come the bitter cry, "All is vanity."

Now, there is no rest in sin. The wicked know nothing about it. The Scriptures tell us the wicked "are like the troubled sea that cannot rest." You have, perhaps been on the sea when there is a calm, when the water is as clear as crystal, and it seemed as if the sea were at rest. But if you looked you would see that the waves came in, and that the calm was only on the surface. Man, like the sea, has no rest. He has had no rest since Adam fell, and there is none for him until he returns to God again, and the light of Christ shines into his heart.

Rest cannot be found in the world, and thank God the world cannot take it from the believing heart! Sin is the cause of all this unrest. It brought toil and labor and misery into the world.

Now for something positive. I would go successfully to someone who has heard the sweet voice of Jesus, and has laid his burden down at the cross. There is rest, sweet rest. Thousands could testify to this blessed fact. They could say, and truthfully:

*I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
"Come unto me and rest.  
Lay down, thou weary one, lay down,  
Thy head upon my breast."  
I came to Jesus as I was,  
Weary and worn and sad.  
I found in Him a resting-place,  
And He hath made me glad.*

Among all his writings St. Augustine has nothing sweeter than this: "Thou hast made us for Thyself, O God, and our heart is restless till it rests in Thee."

Do you know that for four thousand years no prophet or priest or patriarch ever stood up and uttered a text like this? It would be blasphemy for Moses to have uttered a text like it. Do you think he had rest when he was teasing the Lord to let him go into the Promised Land? Do you think Elijah could have uttered such a text as this, when, under

the juniper tree, he prayed that he might die? And this is one of the strongest proofs that Jesus Christ was not only man, but God. He was God-Man, and this is Heaven's proclamation, "Come unto me, and I will give you rest." He brought it down from Heaven with Him.

Now, if this text was not true, don't you think it would have been found out by this time? I believe it as much as I believe in my existence. Why? Because I not only find it in the Book, but in my own experience. The "I wills" of Christ have never been broken, and never can be.

I thank God for the word "give" in that passage. He doesn't sell it. Some of us are so poor that we could not buy it if it was for sale. Thank God, we can get it for nothing.

I like to have a text like this, because it takes us all in. "Come unto me, ALL ye that labor." That doesn't mean a select few—refined ladies and cultured men. It doesn't mean good people only. It applies to saint and sinner. Hospitals are for the sick, not for healthy people. Do you think that Christ would shut the door in anyone's face, and say, "I did not mean all; I only meant certain ones"? If you cannot come as a saint, come as a sinner. Only come!

A lady told me once that she was so hard-hearted she couldn't come.

"Well," I said, "my good woman, it doesn't say all ye soft-hearted people come. Black hearts, vile hearts, hard hearts, soft hearts, all hearts come. Who can soften your hard heart but Himself?"

The harder the heart, the more need you have to come. If my watch stops I don't take it to a drug store or to a blacksmith's shop, but to the watchmaker's, to have it repaired. So if the heart gets out of order take it to its keeper, Christ, to have it set right. If you can prove that you are a sinner, you are entitled to the promise. Get all the benefit you can out of it.

Now, there are a good many believers who think this text applies only to sinners. It is just the thing for them too. What do we see today? The church, Christian people, all loaded down with cares

and troubles. "Come unto me, all ye that labor." All I believe that includes the Christian whose heart is burdened with some great sorrow. The Lord wants you to come.

### Christ the Burden-Bearer

It says in another place, "Casting all your care upon him, for he careth for you." We would have a victorious Church if we could get Christian people to realize that. But they have never made the discovery. They agree that Christ is the sin-bearer, but they do not realize that He is also the burden-bearer. "Surely he hath borne our griefs and carried our sorrows." It is the privilege of every child of God to walk in unclouded sunlight.

Some people go back into the past and rake up all the troubles they ever had, and then they look into the future and anticipate that they will have still more trouble, and they go reeling and staggering all through life. They give you the cold chills every time they meet you. They put on a whining voice, and tell you what "a hard time they have had." I believe they embalm them, and bring out the mummy on every opportunity. The Lord says, "Cast all your care on me. I want to carry your burdens and your troubles." What we want is a joyful Church, and we are not going to impress the world until we have it. We want to get long-faced Christianity off the face of the earth.

Take these people that have some great burden, and let them come into a meeting. If you can get their attention upon the singing or preaching, they will say, "Oh, wasn't it grand! I forgot all my cares." And they just drop their bundle at the end of the pew. But the moment the benediction is pronounced they grab the bundle again. You laugh, but you do it yourself. Cast your care on Him.

Sometimes they go into their closet and close their door, and they get so carried away and lifted up that they forget their trouble; but they just take it up again the moment they get off their knees. Leave your sorrow now; cast all your care upon Him. If you cannot come to Christ as a saint, come as a sinner. But if you are a saint with some trouble or care, bring it to Him. Saint and sinner, come! He wants you all. Don't let Satan deceive you into believing that you cannot come if you will. Christ

says, "Ye will not come unto me." With the command comes the power.

A man in one of our meetings in Europe said he would like to come, but he was chained, and couldn't come.

A Scotchman said to him, "Ay, man, why don't you come, chain and all?"

He said, "I never thought of that."

Are you cross and peevish, and do you make things unpleasant at home? My friend, come to Christ and ask Him to help you. Whatever the sin is, bring it to Him.

### What Does It Mean to Come?

Perhaps you say, "Mr. Moody, I wish you would tell us what it is to come." I have given up trying to explain it. I always feel like the colored minister who said he was going to confound, instead of expound, the chapter.

The best definition is just—come. The more you try to explain it, the more you are mystified. About the first thing a mother teaches her child is to look. She takes the baby to the window, and says, "Look, baby, Papa is coming!" Then she teaches the child to come. She props it up against a chair, and says, "Come!" and by and by the little thing pushes the chair along towards Mamma. That's coming. You don't need to go to college to learn how. You don't need any minister to tell you what it is. Now will you come to Christ? He said, "Him that cometh unto me, I will in no wise cast out."

When we have such a promise as this, let us cling to it, and never give it up. Christ is not mocking us. He wants us to come with all our sins and backslidings, and throw ourselves upon His bosom. It is our sins God wants, not our tears only. They alone do no good. And we cannot come through resolutions. Action is necessary. How many times at church have we said, "I will turn over a new leaf," but the Monday leaf is worse than the Saturday leaf.

The way to Heaven is straight as a rule, but it is the way of the cross. Don't try to get around it. Shall I tell you what the "yoke" referred to in the text is? It is the cross which Christians must bear. The only way by which you can find rest in this dark world is by taking up the yoke of Christ. I do not know what it may include

in your case, beyond taking up your Christian duties, acknowledging Christ and acting as becomes one of His disciples. Perhaps it may be to erect a family altar; or to tell a godless husband that you have made up your mind to serve God; or to tell your parents that you want to be a Christian. Follow the will of God, and happiness and peace and rest will come. The way of obedience is always the way of blessing.

I was preaching in Chicago to a hall full of women one Sunday afternoon, and after the meeting was over a lady came to me and said she wanted to talk to me. She said she would accept Christ and after some conversation she went home. I looked for her a whole week, but didn't see her until the following Sunday afternoon. She came and sat down right in front of me, and her face had such a sad expression. She seemed to have entered into the misery, instead of the joy, of the Lord.

After the meeting was over I went to her and asked her what the trouble was.

She said: "Oh, Mr. Moody, this has been the most miserable week of my life."

I asked her if there was anyone with whom she had had trouble and whom she could not forgive.

She said: "No, not that I know of."

"Well, did you tell your friends about having found the Saviour?"

"Indeed I didn't, I have been all the week trying to keep it from them."

"Well," I said, "that is the reason why you have no peace."

She wanted to take the crown, but did not want the cross. My friends, you must go by the way of Calvary. If you ever get rest, you must get it at the foot of the cross.

"Why," she said, "if I should go home and tell my infidel husband that I had found Christ, I don't know what he would do. I think he would turn me out."

"Well," I said, "go out."

She went away, promising that she would tell him, timid and pale, but she did not want another wretched week. She was bound to have peace.

The next night I gave a lecture to men only, and in the hall there were eight thousand men and one solitary woman. When I got through and went into the inquiry meeting, I found this lady with

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## Rest

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her husband. She introduced him to me (he was a doctor, and a very influential man) and said:

"He wants to become a Christian."

I took my Bible and told him all about Christ, and he accepted Him. I said to her after it was all over: "It turned out quite differently from what you expected, didn't it?"

"Yes," she replied, "I was never so scared in my life. I expected he would do something dreadful, but it has turned out so well."

She took God's way, and got rest.

I want to say to young ladies, perhaps you have a godless father or mother, a sceptical brother who is going down through drink, and perhaps there is no one who can reach them but you. How many times a godly, pure young lady has taken the light into some darkened home! Many a home might be lit up with the Gospel if the mothers and daughters would only speak the word.

The last time Mr. Sankey and myself were in Edinburgh, there were a father, two sisters and a brother, who used every morning to take the morning paper and pick my sermon to pieces. They were indignant to think that the Edinburgh people should be carried away with such preaching. One day one of the sisters was going by the hall, and she thought she would drop in and see what class of people went there. She happened to take a seat by a godly lady who said to her: "I hope you

are interested in this work."

She tossed her head and said, "Indeed I am not. I am disgusted with everything I have seen and heard."

"Well," said the lady, "perhaps you came prejudiced."

"Yes, and the meeting has not removed any of it, but has rather increased it."

"I have received a great deal of good from them."

"There is nothing here for me. I don't see how an intellectual person can be interested."

To make a long story short, she got the lady to promise to come back. When the meeting broke up, just a little of the prejudice had worn away. She promised to come back again the next day, and then she attended three or four more meetings, and she became quite interested. She said nothing to her family, until finally the burden became too heavy, and she told them. They laughed at her, and made her the butt of their ridicule.

One day the two sisters were together, and the other said, "Now what have you got at those meetings that you didn't have in the first place?"

"I have a peace that I never knew of before. I am at peace with God, myself and all the world." Did you ever have a little war of your own with your neighbors, in your own family? And she said, "I have self-control. You know, sister, if you had said half the mean things before I was converted that you have said since, I would have been angry and answered back, but if you remember correctly, I haven't answered once since I have been converted."

The sister said, "You certainly have something that I have not." The other told her it was for her too, and she brought the sister to the meetings, where she found peace.

Like Martha and Mary, they had a brother, but he was a member of the University of Edinburgh. He be converted? He go to these meetings? It might do for women, but not for him. One night they came home and told him that a chum of his own, a member of the University, had stood up and confessed Christ, and when he sat down his brother got up and confessed; and so with the third one.

When the young man heard it, he said, "Do you mean to tell me that he has been converted?"

"Yes," he said, "there must be something in it."

He put on his hat and coat, and went to see his friend Black. Black got him down to the meetings, and he was converted.

We went through to Glasgow, and had not been there six weeks when news came that that young man had been stricken down and died. When he was dying he called his father to his bedside and said, "Wasn't it a good thing that my sisters went to those meetings? Won't you meet me in Heaven, father?"

"Yes, my son, I am so glad you are a Christian; that is the only comfort that I have in losing you. I will become a Christian, and will meet you again."

I tell this to encourage some sister to go home and carry the message of salvation. It may be that your brother may be taken away in a few months. My dear friends, are we not living in solemn days? Isn't it time for us to get our friends into the Kingdom of God? Come, wife, won't you tell your husband? Come, sister, won't you tell your brother? Won't you take up your cross now? The blessing of God will rest on your soul if you will.

I was in Wales once, and a lady told me this little story: An English friend of hers, a mother, had a child that was sick. At first they considered there was no danger, until one day the doctor came in and said that the symptoms were very unfavorable. He took the mother out of the room, and told her that the child could not live. It came like a thunderbolt. After the doctor had gone the mother went into the room where the child lay and began to talk to the child and tried to divert his mind.

"Darling, do you know you will soon hear the music of Heaven? You will hear a sweeter song than you have ever heard on earth. You will hear them sing the song of Moses and the Lamb. You are very fond of music. Won't it be sweet, darling?"

And the little tired, sick child turned his head away, and said, "Oh Mamma, I am so tired and so sick that I think it would make me worse to hear all that music."

"Well," the mother said, "you will soon see Jesus. You will see the seraphim and cherubim and the streets all paved with gold"; and she went on picturing Heaven as it is described in Revelation.

The little tired child again turned his head away, and said, "Oh Mam-

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eternal destiny. Why should we call any day commonplace? Every time Dives walked past Lazarus, every time he listened to time serving speeches in which greedy men find comfort, he was building hell; and every time Lazarus refused to be embittered by the bitter bread of poverty he was building a home in heaven. Every step is destiny. The reading of this story is destiny." 27

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ma, I am so tired that I think it would make me worse to see all those beautiful things!"

At last the mother took the child up in her arms, and pressed him to her loving heart. And the little sick one whispered, "Oh Mamma, that is what I want. If Jesus will only take me in His arms and let me rest!"

Dear friend, are you not tired and weary of sin? Are you not weary of the turmoil of life? You can find rest on the bosom of the Son of God.

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